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SUBJ: AMAZON PACT MEETING

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1. SUMMARY: EIGHT AMAZON AREA NATIONS IN BRASILIA NOVEMBER
28-30 TO REVIEW BRAZILIAN DRAFT OF TREATY FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION
IN THE MAZON BASIN.

XGROUP DID NOT AGREE ON DRAFT TEXT.

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT AT END OF MEETING INDICATED THE EIGHT COUNTRIES
WILL MEET AGAIN EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR WHAT FOREIGN MINISTRY

SPOKESMAN SAID WOULD BE NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS. BOLIVIANS
AND PERUVIANS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN OBSTACLE TO CONSENSUS CITING

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CONCERNS OVER TREATY REFERENCES TO PHYSICAL INTEGRATION
OF AMAZON AREA. WE ARE SENDING BRAZILIAN DRAFT TREATY BY AIRGRAM.
END SUMMARY.

2. THREE-DAY MEETING OF EIGHT AMAZON COUNTRIES (BRAZIL, BOLIVIA,
COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, GUYANA, PERU, SURINAM, VENEZUELA)
TO STUDY MULTI-

LATERAL COOPERATION IN THE AMAZON BASIN ENDED NOVEMBER 30 AFTER AGREEMENT OVER DRAFT TREATY. GOB ISSUED PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPANTS WHICH NOTED MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE TO DISCUSS CREATION OF MECHANISM FOR COOPERATION IN THE REGION. CALLING MEETING ATMOSPHERE CORDIAL AND DISCUSSIONS BROAD IN NATURE, PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATED SAME EIGHT STATES WOULD MEET AGAIN EARLY NEXT YEAR. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN LAMPREIA TOLD PRESS NOV 30 RESULTS OF MEETING WERE "EXTREMELY SATISFACTORY" FOR GOB AND GROUP WOULD NOW MOVE ON THE NEXT STAGE OF ACTUALLY NEGOTIATING A TREATY TEXT.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SALVEIRA IN HIS INTRODUCTORY SPEECH TO GROUP NOVEMBER 28 SAID PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO ACHIEVE IN SHORT TIME AVAILABLE A CONSENSUS FOR THE CREATION OF INSTRUMENTS WHICH WOULD MAKE COOPERATION POSSIBLE. BRAZILIAN DRAFT TREATY, HE SAID, WAS SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO ADJUST TO THE NEEDS OF EACH PARTNER WHILE REGULARIZING CONTACTS AMONG GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION. SILVEIRA CALLED GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF AGREEMENT IDEA THAT THE NATIONS OF THE AREA HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HAVING THEIR SOVEREIGNTY IN THEIR SPHERE PRESERVED. SILVEIRA STRESSED THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF PUTTING MULTILATERAL INTERESTS ABOVE NATIONAL INTERESTS.

3. BOTH O ESTADO AND JORNAL DO BRASIL HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT GOB OBJECTIVE FOR THE MEETING OF GENERAL CONCEPTUAL AGREEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THE TREATY HAD BEEN REACHED. PRESS HAS NOTED INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN SPOKESMAN LAMPREIA'S COMMENT AT END OF NOVEMBER 28 SESSION THAT GOB EXPECTED TO SEE MEETING ARRIVE AT FINAL TEXT OF THE TREATY AND PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT NOVEMBER 30 WHICH CLEARLY IMPLIED CONSENSUS HAD NOT BEEN ACHIEVED. ACCORDING TO JORNAL, LAMPREIA ADMITTED TO PRESS THAT PERU AND BOLIVIA HAD BEEN TROUBLED BY TERM "PHYSICAL INTEGRATION" IN THE TREATY. HE ALSO AGREED WITH REPORTER'S ASSERTION THE VENEZUELA WAS BEING CAUTIOUS, BUT CLAIMED VENEZUELAN CAUTION HAD NOT TURNED TO DIVERGENCE. O ESTADO SAID BOLIVIANS AND PERUVIANS WERE CONCERNED OVER AN EXPANSION OF BRAZILIAN INFLUENCE IN THEIR AREAS. DIPLOMATIC SOURCE (NATIONALITY UNKNOWN) TOLD O ESTADO THAT BRAZILIANS HAD MISCALCULATED ABOUT SPEED WITH WHICH THEY COULD ACHIEVE A TREATY, AMAZON BASIN COUNTRIES, DIPLOMAT SAID, CONTRARY TO PLATE BASIN COUNTRIES TO THE SOUTH, HAD NO HISTORICAL LINKAGE TO BRAZIL. THEIR INTERIORS WERE GREAT IMPLY SPACES AND THEIR ORIENTATIONS WAS TOWARDS THE OCEANS ALONG THEIR COASTS. NONE HAD PUSHED INTO THE INTERIORS AS BRAZIL HAD DONE.

5. WE ARE SENDING BRAZILIAN DRAFT TREATY TO ADDRESSEES BY SEPARATE AIRGRAMS.

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